

Alaska Trauma Registry Calendar June 2000

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Trauma Registry data through March, 2000 are due this month. As of this date, I have received these data from only three hospitals. Please help us meet our goal of having current data for use by hospitals and for injury surveillance.

1999 Ambulance Reports from the Trauma Registry went out to ambulance services in Anchorage, Juneau, Cordova, Kodiak, Petersburg, Seward, Bethel, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough this month. These reports give back to the services diagnoses and outcomes of the most seriously injured patients transported and treated by Alaska paramedics and EMTs. They also flag cases needing review because a national or state standard was not met. They report on the completeness of documentation on the run reports, as well.

Four of the twelve pre-hospital audit filters rely on information from the hospital. They are:

- Hospital trauma score < pre-hospital trauma score
- Oxygen started in E.D. and not by pre-hospital providers
- Neck support applied in E.D. and not by pre-hospital providers
- Absence of ambulance report in medical record

Cases flagged under these indicators can be individually reviewed by ambulance service directors and their physician sponsors, or tracked over time to monitor trends.

Your prompt and accurate data collection is appreciated by these individuals and the staff they serve.